

CHAP. 100.—An Act To amend section 115b of subchapter 3 of chapter 1 of the District of Columbia Code.

February 10, 1927.
[H. R. 12100.]
[Public, No. 597.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 115b of subchapter 3 of chapter 1 of the District of Columbia Code be amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 115b. ESTATES OF LUNATICS.—The said court shall have full power and authority to superintend and direct the affairs of persons non compos mentis, and to appoint a committee or trustees for such persons after hearing the nearest relatives of such person, or some of them if residing within the jurisdiction of the court, and to make such orders and decrees for the care of their persons and the management and preservation of their estates, including the collection, sale, exchange, and reinvestment of their personal estate, as to the court may seem proper. In the event that the person has no known relative residing within the jurisdiction of the court, then the court shall appoint some disinterested person to act as guardian ad litem for such person in the proceedings for the appointment of a committee or trustee. The committee or trustee shall account for all profit and increase of the estate of such person and the annual value thereof and shall be credited for taxes, repairs, improvements, expenses. The court shall allow a reasonable compensation for services rendered by the committee not exceeding a commission of 5 per centum of the amounts collected if and when disbursed. The court may, upon such terms as under the circumstances of the case it may deem proper, decree the conveyance and release of any right of dower of a person non compos mentis, whether the same be inchoate or otherwise."

District of Columbia Code.
Vol. 32, p. 524, amended.

Estates of lunatics.
Committee for care, etc., to be appointed by the court.

Guardian ad litem if no relative in jurisdiction of court.

Accounting, etc.

Compensation.

Release of dower, etc.

Approved, February 10, 1927.

CHAP. 101.—An Act To amend section 1135, chapter 31, of the District of Columbia Code.

February 10, 1927.
[H. R. 12110.]
[Public, No. 598.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1135, chapter 31, of the District of Columbia Code be amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 1135. ACCOUNTS.—It shall be the duty of the guardian to manage the estate for the best interests of the ward, and once in each year, or oftener if required, he shall settle an account of his trust, under oath. He shall account for all profit and increase of his ward's estate and the annual value thereof, and shall be allowed credit for taxes, repairs, improvements, expenses, and commissions, and shall not be answerable for any loss or decrease sustained without his fault; and the court shall determine the amounts to be annually expended in the maintenance and education of the infant, regard being had to his future condition and prospects in life; and the court, if it shall deem it advantageous to the ward, may allow the guardian to exceed the income of the estate and to make use of the principal and sell the same or part thereof, under its order, as hereinbefore provided in subchapter 3 of chapter 1; but no guardian shall sell any property of his ward without an order of the court previously had therefor. The court shall allow a reasonable compensation for services rendered by the guardian not exceeding a commission of 5 per centum of the amounts collected if and when disbursed."

District of Columbia Code.
Vol. 31, p. 1370, amended.

Guardian and ward.
Accounts under oath by guardian.

Limit for commissions, omitted.

Use of principal allowed for benefit of ward.

Commission allowed.

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